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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2013 AS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, brain injury is a serious, national public health
2 epidemic affecting 5.3 million Americans, with a person
3 sustaining a brain injury every twenty-one seconds; and
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5 WHEREAS, each year, at least fifty thousand Americans die
6 and eighty thousand Americans experience the onset of life-long
7 disabilities as a result of sustaining a brain injury; and
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9 WHEREAS, brain injury can affect every aspect of an
10 individual's life, including physical, cognitive, emotional,
11 social, and behavioral aspects; and
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13 WHEREAS, the majority of people who suffer from mild or
14 moderate brain injuries recover fully, but the effects, while
15 they last, can be confusing, frightening, and disruptive; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii is
18 dedicated to improving the quality of life of persons with brain
19 injury; increasing public awareness by providing educational
20 information, resources, and support for individuals who have
21 sustained a brain injury; and promoting prevention of brain
22 injuries in our community; and
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24 WHEREAS, during the month of October 2013, organizations
25 and individuals across the nation will take part in a month-long
26 public education initiative in observance of Brain Injury
27 Awareness Month; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that October 2013 be
32 designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month to increase public
33 awareness and education regarding the seriousness of brain



1 injuries, support for individuals who have sustained brain
2 injuries, and ways to prevent brain injury; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
6 of Health, and the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii.
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